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PRODUCTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Accompanying this Response is a petition for an extension of time and authorization to charge the Applicant's representative's deposit account for the extension of time, extending the shortened time for response from October 22, 2003 to February 23, 2004 (February 22, 2004 fell on a Sunday). The Office is authorized to charge or credit Applicant's representative's deposit account for any underpayment or overpayment, respectively, of the fee.